

Nixon and Petersen, Telephone

April 15, 1973 9:39-9:41 pm

1 Voice: Conversation number thirty eight dash (·) fifty eight. (0.2) Portion of a [12.7]
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3 telephone conversation between the Presidint? ·hh en hHenry E. Peter↓sin.
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5 (0.4) This portion-u was record'd on April fifteenth ·hh nineteen sevendy
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7 three? ·hh between nine thirty ni:ne ·h en nine forty one p.m.uh
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9 (5.7) ((dead tape))
10
11 ((whiffle))
12
13 Nixon: ...llo:, [13.0]
14
15 Op: °Mister Peter[sin°
16 [°
17 Peters: [Presidint,
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19 Nixon: ¹ ·hhhehhh ahh·Henry I've been: uh I·t·talk' tuh John Dean end uh: °hev'n quite
20
21 finish' but 'ee stepped aht fer a minute° ·hh·h[hh
22 [°
23 Peters: [(Uh [huh)
24 [°
25 Nixon: [·I wunduh a:sk yuh this ·hh·hh
26
27 ↑He says thet uh↓:: (·) he thinks it's import'nt thet ↓uh:: (·) I tell: Liddy's
28
29 ² attorney I don'=who 'ee is by name a' Mar:oolis? D'yih know [°im?
30 [°
31 Peters: [Yes
32
33 Peters: ·Yes
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35 Nixon: That uh: what I toldju a few minutes ago:.=thet he is [°()°
36 [°
37 Peters: [().
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39 Nixon: Hah?
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41 Peters: ·hhh Yes uh we're awready tryina git in touch with eem.

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¹ The bullet · indicates a 'pop!' in the tape.

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- 1 Nixon: ·^ohuhh° W•ell (0.2) lemme say this. (·) u-You tell ↓'i:m:. If necessary you
2
3 haul his ass in here in ah'll ↓tell'im.↓ Okay?
4
- 5 Peters: A'r(h)ight.
6
- 7 Nixon: ·h[uhh
8
9 Peters: [Indeed so[:.
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11 Nixon: [Uh:: you know what I mee=You tell 'im thet (·) I ev c^halled
12
13 ju directly duhni:ght?=en that you have it direct fr'm the President ·hh If
14
15 he needs tuh hear it fr'm me: (0.2) ah:'ll tell 'im.h
16
- 17 Peters: Very good.=
18
- 19 Nixon: =·hhh Because you see: ·hhh uh:: John felt that maybe he wouldn' take it
20
21 from you: but uh: I would think he wid er WUHDDIYOU think. What's
22
23 yer judgment.
24
25 (·)
26
- 27 Peters: ·hhuhh •Uh:: whell we'll cert'nly t^hell eem. He idn he in Liddy er very (·)
28
29 close frie:nds en::d a[h'm certain the worrid would git back to um.
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31 Nixon: [Right?
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- 33 Nixon: ·p·t·heh[h ↓Righ[t.h
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35 Peters: [·hhh [And wi'll the[n ()
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37 Nixon: [Okay: you tell Maroolis ↓thet uh::: the
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39 President iz::uh directid thet you:: ·hhhh thet• he is ↓tuh↓:: thet yer duh talk
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41 to ee:m? en duh tell 'im 'ee is tuh ·hhehhh ·hh• ibm-m- is tuh tell everything
42
43 'ee ↑kno:w:s thet uh↓::m↓ I'm uh ·hhuhh • yih hhuh ·h he shoul'da be↑fo:re but
44
45 my point is ·hhh •end if ↑necessary- (·) if he hastuh come in ·t·hhh see me
46
47 but- y:ou come w[↑ith ↓eem I↓ don't want any k-th[::ings wer he comes in in=
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49 Peters: [() [()
50
- 51 Nixon: _____ =makes any motions. Yih >see w't ah [mean?<]
52 | [()]
53 (Ø): (0.2) [()] =

1 Peters: ___ =I under[sta:nd.=
2 []
3 (Nixon): [(·hhh)
4
5 Nixon: =Does this sound like good< uh medicine dih ↑you or dihyou or dihyou think
6
7 I should not ↓see 'im↓.=
8
9 Peters: ³ =·hhhhahhh •Uh:,hh •I teh I think we oughta rees that quesh'n after we see what
10
11 the reacti[on duh]
12 []
13 Nixon: [Right I] would prefer if you could han↓dle ut↓=Be[cuz it ou]gha be=
14 []
15 Peters: [Yes sir]
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17 Nixon: =handed et yer level ra'then me bringing some crummy attorney in yuh know
18
19 i[n give'im in o]r↓der.°h[h·hh°]
20 [] []
21 Peters: [(I a g r e e <)] [I agre[e
22 []
23 Nixon: [·hhh So: you do ut (·) on my direction I think
24
25 that'll do the ↓trick.
26
27 Peters: Yes si[r
28 []
29 Nixon: ⁴ ['F it doesn't (0.2) ah:'ll see'mah↓self.=Oka[y↓
30 []
31 Peters: _____ [Very we'll.
32 | []
33 (0.2) (([holl[ow noises—]))
34 | []
35 Peters: _____ [Thank you]
36 []
37 Nixon: ((grunted))[Awright] [14.5]
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39 ((dwee:::p))
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41 (5.2) ((dead tape))
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43 Voice: This conclu::des the Abuse of Gover'ment Power segments (0.2) fer
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45 conversation number thirty eight dash (0.2) fifty eight. [14.8]
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³ In standard orthography "rees" would be shown as "raise".⁴ In standard orthography "ah'll see'mahself" would be shown as "I'll see him myself".